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Sir:

Applicants enclose Form PTO-1449 listing those references of which applicants are aware, together with a copy of the European Search Report of the counterpart application and copies of these references. References AV, AW and AX are references which define the Brix values and soluble solids content of tomato products.

Reference AY is a reference regarding the percoll density gradient isolation of chromoplasts. Reference AC is a reference regarding the biochemical isolation of carotenoids for quantitation. The following references were cited in the specification, References AR', AS', AT', AA, AB, A C, AD, AE and AF. References AL, AT and AU were additional references cited in the European Search Report and examination.

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It is believed that none of these references affect the patentability of the present invention.



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